

~~SECRET~~APPROVED FOR RELEASE 1993
CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

14 April 1966

SUBJECT: KIMSEY, Herman



1. At the request of the Deputy Director of Security for Personnel Security I met with Subject individual at the Roger Smith Hotel on 12 April. Subject and I then went to a cafeteria where we talked for about two hours.

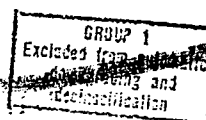
2. Subject first advised me that the book publishing firm of Devin Adair is going to publish a book on Colonel Michal Goleniewski. This book is being written by a man named Guy Richards, the City Editor of the New York Journal American.

3. Subject further advised me that he had talked to Guy Richards a long time ago. According to Subject, this is the basic reason that he wanted to alert us because Col. Michal Goleniewski is possibly going to sue Devin Adair when the book is published. According to Subject, the book is going to be somewhat anti/CIA.

4. In addition to the book being published by Devin Adair, another publishing firm talked to Subject regarding a book which will be 10 per cent on Col. Michal Goleniewski and 90 per cent anti/CIA. Subject refused to give me the name of this publishing firm.

5. In regard to the book being published by Devin Adair, all royalties will go to Guy Richards.

6. The following is my understanding of what Subject told me regarding the background of this case so it may not make sense. According to Subject, an Agency New York Field Office person has been talking to various people in New York in an effort to play down the Devin Adair book but whoever is doing this is doing it in a way to defame Col. Michal Goleniewski. According to Subject, Col. Goleniewski may also sue this individual.

~~SECRET~~

7. Subject then began talking about the whole situation regarding Colonel Michal Goleniewski. He mentioned that a Eugenia Smith, a woman who went to New York and contacted a lawyer who specializes in handling Russian immigrants and their affairs, and this lawyer sent Eugenia Smith to Robert Speller & Sons, Publishers. Eugenia Smith allegedly had a diary and she alleged that she was the handmaiden to Anastasia. Speller questioned Eugenia Smith thoroughly as her stories were rather confusing. Speller then took her to Cleve Backster who operates a polygraph testing service in New York City. The results of this was that Eugenia Smith, herself, was Anastasia. Speller, on being convinced that Eugenia Smith was Anastasia, then organized a party or reception. Colonel Michal Goleniewski was invited to this reception. At this reception when Eugenia Smith, aka: Anastasia, saw Colonel Michal Goleniewski she threw herself to her knees and asked his forgiveness and she introduced him as her brother. To Subject this was proof that Eugenia Smith was Anastasia and that Colonel Goleniewski was really a Romanov.

8. Among other things mentioned by Subject was that another sister of Anastasia is married to Heinrich Himmler and Subject said that he has seen Heinrich Himmler in Washington. Subject also said that Colonel Goleniewski is living in an apartment house in New York owned by Martin Borman.

9. According to Subject, they have sufficient proof that Colonel Michal Goleniewski is a Romanov and that there is a great attempt being made to discredit Colonel Goleniewski.

Steven L. Kuhn
Chief, Personnel Security Division

SLK:bc

~~SECRET~~